
Program Memorandum Carriers

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CHANGE REQUEST 2558

SUBJECT: DMERCs - VIPS Medicare System (VMS) Implementation to Process ICD-9 CM Codes Using Date of Service and Not Date of Receipt.

BACKGROUND:

Program Memorandum (PM) B-02-064, Change Request 2209, dated October 11, 2002, required the VIPS System to process ICD-9-CM Codes using Date of Service and not Date of Receipt. This requirement is also a HIPAA requirement.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Due to problems associated with processing these claims (obsolete ICD-9 CM codes on rental claims) and additional time needed to educate providers and work out problems, the effective date for turning the edits off is upon receipt of this instruction and the implementation date for turning the edits back on has changed from January 1, 2003 to April 1, 2003, for DMERCs.

PROVIDER EDUCATION:

The DMERCs must educate suppliers in bulletins, training sessions, seminars, and on Web sites of these new instructions.

The effective date for turning the edits off is January 24, 2003, for DMERCs.

The implementation date for turning the edits back on is April 1, 2003, for DMERCs.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2004.